

CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:

What is claimed is:

1. A recordable media content archiving system in a subscriber network, said recordable media content archiving system comprising:
 - a memory for storing recordable media content characterizing information;
 - a storage device for storing a plurality of portable mediums; and
 - a processor configured with the memory to receive the recordable media content characterizing information into the memory, wherein the processor is further configured to provide a user interface for the recordable media content archiving system.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the recordable media content characterizing information is organized into database records with multiple fields.
3. The system of claim 1, wherein the recordable media content characterizing information is stored in the storage device.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein the recordable media content characterizing information is stored in the portable mediums.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface is configured as a plurality of archive screens.
6. The system of claim 5, wherein the archive screen are configured with pre-configured categories.

- 1 7. The system of claim 6, wherein the pre-configured categories are selected from a group
2 consisting of: recordable media content, genre, descriptive information, and the portable
3 mediums.
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1 8. The system of claim prior 6, wherein selections within the pre-configured categories include
2 default selections corresponding to the characterizing information in the recordable media
3 content.
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1 9. The system of claim 6, wherein the portable mediums are categorized into pre-configured
2 default mediums corresponding to the characterizing information on the recordable media
3 content.
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1 10. The system of claim 5, wherein the archive screens comprise a display of the categories and
2 user selections within the categories.
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1 11. The system of claim 10, wherein the categories and the user selections are displayed in a pre-
2 configured format.
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1 12. The system of claim 10, wherein the categories and the user selections are displayed in a
2 user-defined format.
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1 13. The system of claim 6, wherein the screens are configured to enable the user to edit the
2 categories and user selections within the categories.
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1 14. The system of claim 5, wherein the archive screens are configured to enable the user to
2 search for recordable media among the plurality of portable mediums in the secondary
3 storage device.
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1 15. The system of claim 5, wherein the archive screens are configured to enable the user to
2 search for characterizing information corresponding to the recordable media content among
3 the plurality of portable mediums stored in the secondary storage device.

1 16. The system of claim 5, wherein the archive screens are configured to enable the user to create
2 personalized categories.

1 17. The system of claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to receive the recordable media
2 content from a remote device within a subscriber network television system for storage in the
3 portable mediums in the storage device.

1 18. The system of claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to receive the recordable media
2 content from a remote device external to the subscriber network television system for storage
3 in the portable mediums in the storage device.

1 19. The system of claim 1, wherein the processor is further configured to determine if the proper
2 portable medium is loaded in the secondary storage device.

1 20. The system of claim 19, wherein the processor is further configured to automatically load the
2 proper portable medium of the secondary storage device.

1 21. The system of claim 20, wherein the portable medium is categorized by title type.

1 22. The system of claim 21, wherein the processor is further configured to load the portable
2 medium of the secondary storage device with a title type corresponding to the recordable
3 media content.

1 23. The system of claim 1, wherein the processor is further configured to prompt the user to load
2 the proper portable medium of the secondary storage device.

1 24. The system of claim 1, wherein the processor is further configured to receive user input from
2 a remote device.

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1 25. The system of claim 1, wherein the processor is further configured to categorize the
2 recordable media content and the portable medium by user.

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1 26. The system of claim 25, wherein the processor is further configured to select the medium for
2 receiving the downloaded recordable media content corresponding to the user that purchased
3 the recordable media content.

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1 27. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the recordable media content in the portable
2 mediums located in the secondary storage device have authorized access locks.

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1 28. The system of claim 27, wherein the authorized access locks have corresponding icons
2 displayed on one of a plurality of screen displays to alert the user to the requirement for
3 authorized access.

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1 29. The system of claim 1, wherein the processor is further configured to enable a user to
2 categorize recordable media content, and the plurality of portable mediums that store the
3 recordable media content, into a structured archive, wherein the processor is further
4 configured to receive the downloaded recordable media content into at least one of the
5 portable mediums with characterizing information matching the downloaded recordable
6 media content.

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1 30. The system of claim 1, wherein the processor, the memory, and the storage device are
2 located in a set top box.

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1 31. The system of claim 1, wherein the processor, the memory, and the storage device are
2 located in a headend.

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1 32. A method for archiving recordable media content, comprising the step of:
2 providing a user interface for enabling a user to request a recordable media content download
3 from a remote device for storage on at least one of a plurality of portable mediums located in
4 a storage device, wherein the user interface further enables the user to categorize the
5 recordable media content and the portable mediums into a structured archive; and
6 receiving and storing recordable media content characterizing information into a memory.

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1 33. The method of claim 32, wherein the step of providing of the user interface further includes
2 the step of providing a plurality of archive screens.

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1 34. The method of claim 33, wherein the step of providing of archive screens further includes
2 step of providing pre-configured categories.

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1 35. The method of claim 34, wherein the pre-configured categories are selected from a group
2 consisting of: recordable media content, genre, descriptive information, and the portable
3 mediums.

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1 36. The method of claim 35, wherein the pre-configured categories are default categories
2 corresponding to the characterizing information in the recordable media content.

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1 37. The method of claim 34, wherein selections within the pre-configured categories include
2 default selections corresponding to the characterizing information in the recordable media
3 content

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1 38. The method of claim 34, wherein the portable mediums are categorized into pre-configured
2 default mediums corresponding to the characterizing information on the recordable media
3 content.

1 39. The method of claim 34, wherein the archive screens include a display of the categories and
2 user selections within the categories.

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1 40. The method of claim 38, wherein the categories and the user selections are displayed in a pre-
2 configured format.

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1 41. The method of claim 38, wherein the categories and the user selections are displayed in a
2 user-defined format.

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1 42. The method of claim 33, wherein the screens are further configured to enable the user to edit
2 the categories and user selections within the categories.

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1 43. The method of claim 33, wherein the archive screens are further configured to enable the user
2 to search for recordable media content among the plurality of portable mediums in the
3 secondary storage device.

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1 44. The method of claim 33, wherein the archive screens are further configured to enable the user
2 to search for characterizing information corresponding to the recordable media content
3 among the plurality of portable mediums stored in the secondary storage device.

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1 45. The method of claim 33, wherein the archive screens enable the user to create personalized
2 categories.

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1 46. The method of claim 32, wherein the storing of the recordable media content characterizing
2 information occurs in the storage device.

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1 47. The method of claim 32, wherein the storing of the recordable media content characterizing
2 information occurs in at least one of the portable mediums.

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1 48. The method of claim 32, wherein the selecting of at least one of the portable mediums further
2 comprises automatically loading a proper portable medium of the secondary storage device.

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1 49. The method of claim 32, wherein the selecting of the portable medium further comprises
2 prompting the user to load the proper medium of the secondary storage device.

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1 50. The method of claim 32, wherein the selecting of the portable medium further comprises
2 selecting the portable medium for receiving the downloaded recordable media content
3 corresponding to the user that purchased the recordable media content.

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1 51. The method of claim 32, further comprising configuring the recordable media content located
2 on at least one of the portable mediums for authorized access.

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1 52. The method of claim 32, wherein the receiving of recordable media content is from a remote
2 device within a subscriber network television system.

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1 53. The method of claim 32, wherein the receiving of recordable media content is from a remote
2 device external to the subscriber network television system.

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1 54. The method of claim 32, further comprising receiving user input from a remote device.

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1 55. The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of selecting at least one of the plurality
2 of portable mediums in the storage device for receiving the downloaded recordable media
3 content with similar characterizing information to at least one of the portable mediums.

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1 56. The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of receiving the downloaded portable
2 media content in the selected portable medium.